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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SIDNEY SOBER, USDEL PREPCON

FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO JIDDA FROM SANAA
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QUOTE: S E C R E T SANAA 809

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SUBJECT: SAUDI PURCHASE US ARMS FOR YAR

REF: STATE 076242

1. WELCOME NEWS THAT DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS "INTENDS EXPLORE GENERAL
SUBJECT OF ARMS FOR YEMEN DURING FORTHCOMING TALKS WITH SAUDI
OFFICIALS."

2. AS I WILL BE CALLING ON PRESIDENT HAMDI TOMORROW

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APRIL 8, WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHEN THESE TALKS WILL BE SO THAT

I MAY PASS THIS ON TO THE PRESIDENT. IN VIEW OF LACK OF HARD INFORMATION THUS FAR RE US-SAUDI INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS YEMENI ARMY, ANY LITTLE BIT HELPS.

3. MAY I ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY OWN PERSONAL DISQUIET AT THE LENGTH OF TIME IT IS TAKING TO GET FORWARD ACTION ON THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM FOR THE YEMENI ARMY. GIVEN THE SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND HIS EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS DURING THE RECENT RIYADH COM MEETING FOR SPEEDY ACTION, I HOPE THAT CLEMENTS WILL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO TAKE UP SUBJECT OF "IMPACT PACKAGE" WITH SAUDIS DURING FORTHCOMING TALKS. YEMENI LEADERSHIP IS, TO SAY THE LEAST, BEGINNING TO SHOW OBVIOUS SIGNS OF IMPATIENCE AND SKEPTICISM OVER SAUDI AND AMERICAN PROMISES OF THE LAST YEAR OR SO.

4. AS SEPARATE BUT RELATED MATTER, WOULD HOPE THAT DEPT CAN IMPRESS ON DOD NEED FOR EXPEDITIOUS SHIPMENT OF 30 M 825 JEEPS FOR 106 RECOILESS RIFLES PURCHASED BY YARG. DETAILS THIS MATTER BEING PROVIDED BY SEPARATE DAO MESSAGE.
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